

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 09/986,403
Attorney Docket No. Q67185

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner for the indication that claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 9 and 10 have been rewritten to include each feature as recited in independent claims 1 and 2 respectively, and claims 1 and 2 have subsequently been cancelled. Claims 3-8 have been also been amended to change their dependencies. Claims 3-8 are now dependent claims including all of the elements of amended claims 9 and 10, which are now in condition for allowance. Thus, claims 3-8 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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